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PROTECTIVE FILM FOR PROTECTING A DIELECTRIC LAYER OF A PLASMA

DISPLAY PANEL FROM DISCHARGE, METHOD OF FORMING THE SAME, PLASMA DISPLAY PANEL AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

For:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

- 1. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 9-295894, published November 18, 1997 with English Abstract.
- 2. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 11-3665, published January 6, 1999 with English Abstract.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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